



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2002
Committee Statement
LB 396

Hearing Date: February 8, 2001
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Suttle, Price)
Title: Adopt the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Act

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File
Advanced to General File with Amendments
X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senator Jensen, Byars, Suttle, Price, Cunningham and Erdman
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Maxwell

Proponents:

Senator Deb Suttle
Charles Meyers
Carol Hinkle

Corrinne Pedersen

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Board of Nursing
Nebraska Nurse Practitioners Coalition of
Advanced Practice Nurses
Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nursing

Opponents:

David Buntain
Dr. Dorothy Zinc

Dr. Cynthia Ferris
Dr. Charles Gregorius

Representing:

Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Academy of Physicians & Nebraska
Medical Association
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Medical Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: The bill adopts the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Act and repeals the current Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Act, the Nebraska Certified Nurse Midwifery Practice Act, statutes relating to certified registered nurse anesthetists, and references to clinical nurse specialists.

The bill requires an applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse to be licensed as a registered nurse in Nebraska or hold equivalent licensure from another jurisdiction and submit to the Department of Health and Human Services

Regulation and Licensure evidence of (1) successful completion within the immediate preceding five years of an advanced practice nursing program or a minimum of 2,000 hours of practice as an advanced practice nurse; and (2) passage of a board-approved examination or alternate method of competence assessment.

An applicant who meets the requirements will be licensed in one of the following circumscribed areas of practice upon successful completion of an appropriate exam: certified nurse midwife; certified registered nurse anesthetist; clinical nurse specialist; or nurse practitioner.

All licenses expire October 31 of each even-numbered year. A license may not be renewed unless the applicant meets continuing competency requirements established by rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Nursing. The department, with the concurrence of the board, may waive continuing competence requirements for two years. The department, with approval of the board, may grant temporary permits pending completion of the regular licensure application process.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson